

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION

AMENDED

November 20, 2002
Vermillion County EOC
5:00 p.m.

CAC members present were:

Patrick Ralston
Richard Setliff
Orville Alexander
Cleytus Malone

The meeting was called to order by Co Chairman Patrick Ralston. Roll call was taken by Rick Card. A quorum was not present.

Introductions

Lt. Col. Joe Marquart
Pat Haas, NECDF
John Stewart, Parsons
Mark Becker, Parsons
Scott Haraburda, NECDF
Jim Harris, NECDF
Scott Rowden, Parsons
Richard Rife, Parsons
Bob Lintelman, NECDF
Jerry Sears, SEMA
Doug Stroud, NECD
Ginger Corado, Parsons
Sharon Smith, Newport Outreach
Vicki Francis, Vermillion County Emergency Response
Sara Morgan, CAIN
Jim Seibold, citizen
Leonard Akers, Restoration Advisory Board
Bob Kasper, NECDF
Joe Whitaker, Fountain County Emergency Management
Dave Ziegler, Fountain County Commissioner
Darla Eslinger, Parke County Emergency Management
Faye Coomer, Parke County Emergency Management
Susan Gilman, Newport Outreach Office
Terry Arthur, NECDF and Newport Public Affairs
Dennis Lindsey, NECD
Jack Silotto, Vermillion County Council

Tim Wilson, Vermillion County Commissioner
Rick Card, SEMA

The August 2002 minutes will be approved at the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Mr. Ralston - Have received a 2002 supplemental budget from FEMA. There will be quite a bit of money for planning, training and exercises. Also there will be money set aside to do an evaluation of the State Emergency Operations Center in Indianapolis. Indiana will be the first state to relocate the state capital complex in the event of a natural or manmade disaster. This will be approximately a two year project. This will be a major undertaking and will all be federally funded.

Mr. Ralston just returned from the Gilmore Commission. This is a national terrorism panel chaired by the former governor of Virginia, James Gilmore. They are getting ready to publish their fourth report, which should be out December 15.

They are currently working with Department of Health on a pharmaceutical stockpile plan. Indiana may be the recipient of a "push pack", 50 tons of pharmaceuticals that will be stored at a secret location in Indiana. Possibly near the airport. It could be flown out of Indianapolis to another state or used within Indiana. They are working with the Department of Health on how and where the push pack would be stored.

They are in the midst of training first responders. The goal is to purchase equipment for 60,000 first responders in the State of Indiana. In order for this to be done, operational level training needs to be done to wear the suits. The first \$10 million will go towards the purchase of equipment. It is the goal for all first responders to get this training. This will be a multi year project.

Rick Card - Indiana has successfully bid a contract for the installation of 3 sirens in each of the 3 CSEPP counties. During the storms in Indiana a few weeks ago, the Indoor Alert System radios did sound. To date, the number of Indoor Alert System radios installed in Vermillion County are 1350 installed out of 2500, Parke County 500 installed out of 900 and Fountain County 77 installed out of 100.

SEMA has also received a grant from the Army thru FEMA for 800 radio upgrades. There will be a planning meeting in Parke County to discuss this upgrade on November 21.

CSEPP calendars are being distributed. He praised the public affairs officer in the 3 counties for their efforts in distributing the calendars as well as the difficult decision of selecting which pictures should appear on the calendar.

Lt. Col. Marquart - Slides were viewed of the stockpile when the tonne containers were stored in building 144 and then the magazines where the containers would be stored. The containers are now stored in state of the art magazines with detection equipment that rivals the White House. In putting the stockpile in the magazines, the risk has been distributed over eight magazines. There is not one human potential of being

able to create the chain effect that the old warehouse could have created. The magazines are concrete front and backs, with metal arches with 36" of earth capped with about 6" of rifraf. The magazines will be left there after the VX is destroyed.

The CAC expressed their appreciation to the Commander for the depot tour.

Patrick Haas - acting site manager - Chuck Galloway has retired since the last meeting. There have been a couple of changes in the contractor's organization. Mr. Stewart has taken Mr. McCarthy's position. Mr. McCarthy has been promoted to a position in Washington. Rick Rife has taken over the operations job. Paul Wojciechowski will be responsible for getting the laboratory out and running.

Job areas -

Environmental - No significant impact for the transportation of the hydrolysate to a commercial TSDF. The second critical activity is the public meeting that was held. With the help of the Army, the State of Indiana came to the hydrolysate phase. This is the 90 day or less rule. They will be operating the treatment disposal facility under the RCRA requirement.

There will be a public meeting held December 5 at the Newport Lions Club. There are two activities, the hydrolysate phase (the neutralization of the byproduct) and the secondary phase (the personal protective equipment that filters in the metal parts) and there seems to be some confusion within the public realm about this. This will be discussed at the public meeting.

Schedule - Since the last CAC they have been successful in defining the scope, schedule and budget for the project. The schedule has changed from September 03 start date to October 03 start date.

Treatment Disposal Facility (TSDF) - (where the hydrolysate will be sent to a commercial facility) This is still commercially sensitive and Mr. Haas said he could not speak to any of the particulars at this time.

Mr. Haas showed a slide presentation of the depot construction site and neutralization equipment to the CAC.

Questions from the public -

Mrs. Morgan asked about the CHATS (glove boxes). Are they being manufactured in Washington, assembled in Washington and then disassembled and shipped here? **Mr. Stewart** said the CHATs (glove box) are modular. They are being tested and put together in Washington. There is a rack behind it that the tonne container will sit on and then there are a couple of other components that let it roll in. That is another module that is behind the glove box. They are trying to make them as modular as possible. They are looking at a January timeframe of having them here at Newport, will install and put together and between then and October 1 date and then going thru systemization (detailed testing). The disassembly is for shipping purposes.

Mrs. Morgan asked what kind of training and certification are required for people on both sides have to go thru?

Mr. Stewart said he would have to ask his construction people specifically but he does know on site there are certain qualifications that are required for welders and pipefitters. The work force numbers about 450 people currently and they are hiring thru the local union halls. They are bringing qualified people on.

Mrs. Morgan asked if people from this area are being sent to Washington? Is there a regular recertification? Are the people who will assemble here go to Washington to observe how they are assembled there?

Mr. Haas replied there isn't any specialized certification on how to connect a pipe. The modules are standard and the connections are standard.

Outreach Update - Several activities to keep the community informed. They did a walk thru tour of the site with CAC members and SEMA to see the new storage igloos. They have conducted several briefings, two were coordinated with Eli Lilly. Lt. Col. Marquart also spoke with Lilly's community advisory panel at Newport. The Sunshiners, a local church group, requested a program and the Outreach Office went there to give them an update. They had an information booth where Vermillion County Emergency Response used the Outreach Office to distribute the Indoor Alert System radios. Another information booth was coordinated with the Vermilion County Chamber of Commerce at the Newport Hillclimb. Dr. John Paling (National Geographic wildlife photographer) who also works with the CSEP program, visited Rockville, Montezuma, Central Elementary, and Riverton Parke Jr/Sr. High School and spoke with over 1000 students. In September there was a public meeting to discuss environmental assessment on the accelerated project. They have initiated a new outreach tool called the report card mailer. This has been a good tool for them to provide an update to the project as well as giving the public an opportunity for feedback. Some upcoming events are the Commander will be speaking to the Indiana Task Force giving them a briefing on the project. Another briefing will be with the safety division of Panhandle Eastern. There will also be the public meeting on December 5 for the permit modification.

Old business /New business -

Dave Ziegler (Fountain County Commissioner) asked what is the financial situation to finish the byproduct here rather than to ship it out? Mr. Haas said they have not run those numbers but it would be a significant cost to do on site. Terry Arthur will get those figures to Mr. Ziegler.

The next meeting is tentatively set for February 15, 2003 at the Vermillion County Emergency Response.

There was no motion to adjourn since there was no quorum. Mr. Ralston thanked those CAC members who did make the effort to attend.